

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2004. Claims 1-16 are pending in the application with Claims 1, 8 and 10 being in independent form. By the present amendment, the specification has been amended, the original drawing has been amended to include the label "prior art" and a drawing has been added, independent Claims 1, 8 and 10 have been amended, and Claims 11-16 have been added. No new matter or issues are believed to be introduced by the amendments.

In the Office Action, the drawings were objected to for not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. FIG. 2 has been added which is believed to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Accordingly, approval of the added drawing and withdrawal of the objections with respect to the drawings are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Independent Claims 1, 8 and 10 have been amended in a manner as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the rejection. In particular, language has been added to independent Claims 1, 8 and 10 such that the claims now fall within one of the safe harbors as discussed in the guidelines set forth in section 2106 of the MPEP. Accordingly, independent Claims 1, 8 and 10, as amended, are in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested. Dependent Claims 2-7 and 9 depend from Claims 1 and 8 and therefore include the limitations of Claims 1 and 8. Accordingly, for at least the same reasons given for Claims 1 and 8, Claims 2-7 and 9 are believed to contain patentable subject matter. Hence, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101 and allowance of Claims 1-10 are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims presently pending in the application, namely, Claims 1-16, are believed to be in condition for allowance and patentably distinguishable over the art of record.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call Edward Goodman, Esq., Intellectual Property Counsel, Philips Electronics North America, at 914-333-9611.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace FIG. 1 in the application with FIG. 1 submitted herewith. Please accept new FIG. 2 submitted herewith.